

Safety, Security & Emergency Management

August 2009
Hurricane Preparedness
"We Are Ready"

#### 2009 Hurricane Season National Weather Service Predictions





**NWS Atlantic Hurricane Season Forecast:** 

9-14 Named Storms (11)

4-7 Hurricanes (5)

1-3 Major Hurricanes (2)

"We foresee slightly <u>below-average</u> activity for the 2009 Atlantic hurricane season. We have reduced our seasonal forecast from our early April prediction. We anticipate a slightly below-average probability of United States and Caribbean major hurricane landfall"

Dr. William M. Gray, Colorado State University

# **Steps Taken To Better Ensure Our Hurricane Operational Readiness**





**Updated Hurricane (R-1) Emergency Plan** 

Conducted Hurricane
Freddy Catastrophic
Exercise with State and
Regional Partners

Participated & Assisted in Planning Corps of Engineers (COE) Dam Failure Emergency Exercise

### Steps Taken To Better Ensure Our Hurricane Operational Readiness Continued





Conducted Annual Hurricane, Damage Assessment & Related Training

Provided Updated Emergency Contact & Preparedness Information To Our Employees

### Steps Taken To Better Ensure Our Hurricane Operational Readiness Continued



Redesigned Emergency
Operation Center (EOC)
Master Organization Chart &
Floor Plan

**Updated District Continuity of Operations (COOP) Plan** 

Purchased & Installed New Emergency Information Management Computerized Program (WebEOC) To Replace TRACKER

#### **Emergency Fuel Plan**





"Top Off" Fuel Tanks, Vehicles & Facilities

100,000 Gallons of Fuel Storage Space At Our Ft. Pierce Facility

Coordinate with Local Governmental Agencies To Assist With Fuel Allocations

State & FEMA Are Aware of Our Need For Emergency Fuel Allocation

**Approved New District Fuel Contract** 

Vendor Guarantees Availability of 200,000 Gallons of Diesel Fuel- Contract Option



### **Vegetation Debris Management Plans**





**FEMA Approved District's Debris Plan** 

**Debris Teams Identified At Each Field Station** 

**District Debris Contracts In Place** 

Pre-Identified Multiple Locations For Vegetative Debris Management Sites

**Coordinating With DEP To Have 25 Sites Pre-Approved** 

**Potential Sites Mapped on GIS** 

# Roles & Responsibilities Before, During & Following Hurricanes



Governing Board, in accordance with provisions of Chapter 373 and 252, Florida Statutes:

Adopted District Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan that established emergency guidelines for emergency conditions & events

Adopted National Incident Command System (ICS) Model requiring all District employees to train, exercise & use ICS in emergency response operations

**Approves Mutual Aid agreements** 

**Approves FEMA reimbursement documents** 

Delegates authority to Executive Director & Emergency
Management Director for emergency operations. (This is in addition to the
Executive Director's independent emergency authority Director pursuant to Chapter 373)

Reviews and, as necessary, ratifies or modifies emergency actions of the Executive Director

# Steps Taken To Better Ensure Our Hurricane Operational Readiness

### **QUESTIONS?**



Our Business Emergency Plan Depends Upon Ensuring Our Employees Have A Family Emergency Plan

#### Critical Infrastructure Protection

